Date of Completion: December 30, 2011 State: Kansas	Fiscal Year To Which Credit Applies:	2012
Overall Report Two-parent Report	Apply the overall credit to the two-parent participation rate?	√ Yes — No

Part 1 - Eligibility Changes Made Since FY 2005

1. Name of Eligibility Change: Assistance for Persons with Drug-Related Felonies

2. Implementation Date: July 2006

- 3. **Description of Policy:** With the passage of 2006 Senate Bill No. 243, Kansas opted out of the prohibition on providing cash and food stamp assistance to convicted drug felons. This choice is authorized by the Controlled Substances Act, Title 21, United States Code, §862(a).
- 4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:** Drug felons are identified in the Kansas eligibility system with a unique code. When measuring the policy impact, a distinction was made between 1) on-going cases joined by a drug felon, and 2) new cases with a drug felon, as the first circumstance would not contribute to a change in the caseload. To form the pre-policy caseload baseline, cases receiving assistance in which a drug felon was present in the household at any time during the two years prior to the policy (July 2004 June 2006) were identified. (The two-year period corresponds to the average stay on assistance.) In each month following the policy change, cases with a drug felon were matched against the baseline case set. Those not matching were considered new cases, and are cumulated in the following table:

Month	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Prior Year Carryover	50	46	47	39	34	31	29	28	27	26	29	27	
Oct 2010	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Nov		2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	
Dec			3	2	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	
Jan 2011				2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Feb					4	3	3	2	2	2	1	-	
Mar						5	5	5	5	5	5	4	
Apr							2	2	1	1	-	-	
May								3	3	3	3	3	
Jun									3	3	3	1	
Jul										5	5	2	
Aug											1	1	
Sep												5	
Total	52	50	53	46	44	44	43	44	45	50	52	49	572
Average monthly cases													47.7

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year

Date of Completion: December 30, 2011

State: Kansas Fiscal Year To Which Credit Applies: 2012

1. Name of Eligibility Change: Work Readiness Screening

2. Implementation Date: October 2006

- 3. **Description of Policy:** Work readiness screening, conducted prior to the approval of cash assistance, was instituted as a condition of eligibility. Applicants who failed to cooperate were denied assistance, while on-going cases who failed to cooperate were assessed a work penalty.
- 4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:** Cases which were closed and denied for failing to cooperate with the work screening requirement are recorded with a unique code in the Kansas eligibility system. The policy's impact falls chiefly on denials: of the total cases affected by the policy, 96.6 percent were denied, and 3.4 percent were closed. The duration of each closure and denial was based on the average length of stay on cash assistance for the fiscal year in which the case action occurred. The average length of stay has decreased from 25 months in FY 2007 to 22 months in FY 2011. The following table cumulates the policy's caseload impact:

Month	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Prior Year Carryover	-518	-504	-491	-468	-453	-429	-408	-381	-356	-317	-260	-241	
Oct 2010	-15	-15	-15	-15	-15	-15	-15	-15	-15	-15	-15	-15	
Nov		-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	
Dec			-26	-26	-26	-26	-26	-26	-26	-26	-26	-26	
Jan 2011				-24	-24	-24	-24	-24	-24	-24	-24	-24	
Feb					-17	-17	-17	-17	-17	-17	-17	-17	
Mar						-26	-26	-26	-26	-26	-26	-26	
Apr							-37	-37	-37	-37	-37	-37	
May								-31	-31	-31	-31	-31	
Jun									-36	-36	-36	-36	
Jul										-30	-30	-30	
Aug											-41	-41	
Sep												-27	
Total	-533	-541	-554	-555	-557	-559	-575	-579	-590	-581	-565	-573	-6,762
Average monthly cases													-563.5

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year

-563.5

Date of Completion: December 30, 2011

State: Kansas Fiscal Year To Which Credit Applies: 2012

Name of Eligibility Change: Child Under One Work Exemption Revision

2. Implementation Date: July 2007

- 3. **Description of Policy:** The work participation exemption for families with a child under one was shortened to six months. Cases with a child between the ages of seven and 12 months were required to engage in work activities.
- 4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:** A small sample t-test was performed to compare the proportion of the total caseload with a child between the ages of seven and 12 months before, and after, the policy change.

			Percent of
	Cases w/		Cases w/
	Child Age	Total	Child Age
Month	7-12 mos	Cases	7-12 mos
Jan 2007	1,222	14,813	8.2%
Feb	1,263	14,527	8.7%
Mar	1,293	14,406	9.0%
Apr	1,271	14,307	8.9%
May	1,262	14,296	8.8%
Jun	1,245	14,197	8.8%
Jul	Policy Change		
Aug	1,204	14,277	8.4%
Sep	1,079	13,876	7.8%
Oct	1,003	13,484	7.4%
Nov	931	13,047	7.1%
Dec	916	12,837	7.1%
Jan 2008	903	12,768	7.1%

 H_0 : $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ and H_1 : $\mu_1 \neq \mu_2$ Confidence Level: 95%

	Pre-Policy	Post-Policy
N	6	6
Mean	8.73%	7.50%
SD	0.26%	0.53%
t(10)	5.15	
p	0.00043	

The result indicates a significant reduction in cases with a child age 7-12 mos.

The difference in the pre- and post-policy percentage was applied to the total cases to obtain the caseload impact:

			Percent of			
	Cases with		Cases with			
	a Child Age	Total	a Child Age	Pre-Policy		Change
Month	7-12 Mos	Cases	7-12 Mos	Percent	Change	in Cases
Oct 2010	1,284	15,644	8.21%	8.73%	-0.53%	-82.2
Nov	1,231	15,535	7.92%	8.73%	-0.81%	-125.7
Dec	1,207	15,635	7.72%	8.73%	-1.01%	-158.5
Jan 2011	1,215	15,507	7.84%	8.73%	-0.90%	-139.3
Feb	1,186	15,034	7.89%	8.73%	-0.84%	-127.0
Mar	1,194	14,851	8.04%	8.73%	-0.69%	-103.0
Apr	1,165	14,619	7.97%	8.73%	-0.76%	-111.7
May	1,107	14,358	7.71%	8.73%	-1.02%	-146.9
Jun	1,099	14,204	7.74%	8.73%	-1.00%	-141.5
Jul	1,149	14,207	8.09%	8.73%	-0.65%	-91.7
Aug	1,111	14,324	7.76%	8.73%	-0.98%	-140.0
Sep	1,091	14,220	7.67%	8.73%	-1.06%	-150.9
Average Mo	nthly Cases					-126.5

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year

-126.5

Date of Completion: December 30, 2011

State: Kansas Fiscal Year To Which Credit Applies: 2012

Name of Eligibility Change: Increase in Earned Income Disregard

2. Implementation Date: May 2008

- 3. **Description of Policy:** The earned income disregard was increased from a \$90 standard disregard and 40% of remaining earnings to a \$90 standard disregard and 60% of remaining earnings.
- 4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:** Cases with earnings were obtained from the Kansas eligibility system each month following the policy change. The earnings for each case were tested to identify cases whose income fell between the former and new disregard limits. The following table cumulates the new cases attributed to the policy change:

Month	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Prior Year Carryover	311	235	194	164	142	118	96	92	79	81	69	67	
Oct 2010	113	80	54	40	25	16	5	3	2	2	2	3	
Nov		146	94	65	38	30	20	14	12	8	9	9	
Dec			127	89	58	42	30	21	14	7	10	10	
Jan 2011				115	80	61	43	36	22	12	9	8	
Feb					79	52	38	26	17	8	7	5	
Mar						104	66	46	29	24	16	10	
Apr							105	74	43	36	30	20	
May								95	63	41	29	19	
Jun									119	77	44	31	
Jul										96	65	49	
Aug											90	55	
Sep												88	
Total	424	461	469	473	422	423	403	407	400	392	380	374	5,028
Average monthly cases													419.0

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year

419.0

Date of Completion: December 30, 2011

State: Kansas Fiscal Year To Which Credit Applies: 2012

Name of Eligibility Change: Hardship Criteria Revision

2. Implementation Date: October 2008

3. **Description of Policy:** The hardship policy was restricted by eliminating the criteria for 1) under employed or unemployed cases who continued to cooperate with TANF work requirements, and 2) elderly adults (over age 60).

4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:** A small sample t-test was performed to compare the proportion of hardship cases before, and after, the policy change.

	Hardship	Total	Hardship
Month	Cases	Cases	Rate
Apr 2008	521	12,045	4.3%
May	508	11,923	4.3%
Jun	482	11,929	4.0%
Jul	475	12,024	4.0%
Aug	467	12,358	3.8%
Sep	444	12,440	3.6%
Oct	Policy Change		
Nov	367	12,064	3.0%
Dec	345	12,182	2.8%
Jan 2009	326	12,355	2.6%
Feb	313	12,531	2.5%
Mar	306	12,758	2.4%
Apr	292	12,973	2.3%

 H_0 : $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ and H_1 : $\mu_1 \neq \mu_2$ Confidence Level: .95%

	Pre-Policy	Post-Policy
N	6	6
Mean	3.99%	2.61%
SD	0.29%	0.29%
t(10)	8.26	
р	0.00001	

The result indicates a significant reduction in the percentage of hardship cases.

The difference in the pre- and post-policy percentage was applied to the total cases to obtain the caseload impact:

	Hardship	Total	Hardship	Pre-Policy		Change
Month	Cases	Cases	Percent	Percent	Change	in Cases
Oct 2009	227	15,644	1.5%	4.0%	-2.5%	-396.8
Nov	227	15,535	1.5%	4.0%	-2.5%	-392.5
Dec	240	15,635	1.5%	4.0%	-2.5%	-383.5
Jan 2010	232	15,507	1.5%	4.0%	-2.5%	-386.3
Feb	225	15,034	1.5%	4.0%	-2.5%	-374.5
Mar	224	14,851	1.5%	4.0%	-2.5%	-368.2
Apr	223	14,619	1.5%	4.0%	-2.5%	-359.9
May	213	14,358	1.5%	4.0%	-2.5%	-359.5
Jun	221	14,204	1.6%	4.0%	-2.4%	-345.4
Jul	202	14,207	1.4%	4.0%	-2.6%	-364.5
Aug	198	14,324	1.4%	4.0%	-2.6%	-373.2
Sep	185	14,220	1.3%	4.0%	-2.7%	-382.0
Average	218	14,845	1.5%	4.0%	-2.5%	-373.9

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year

-373.9

Date of Completion: December 30, 2011

State: Kansas Fiscal Year To Which Credit Applies: 2012

1. Name of Eligibility Change: Five-Month Transitional Payment

2. Implementation Date: January 2009

- 3. **Description of Policy:** A five-month \$50 transitional payment was provided to families who left cash assistance with employment. The policy allowed cases to begin a new five-month payment cycle if employment resumed following a loss of employment
- 4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:** Cases receiving the \$50, five-month transitional payment were identified in the month the transitional payment was received. All of the cases receiving the transitional payment were counted toward the caseload increase, for none would have met the income eligibility for cash assistance prior to the policy. The following table presents the history of the transitional cases:

Month	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Prior Year Carryover	760	566	419	297	159	158	136	125	138	141	147	143	
Oct 2010	245	209	165	145	113	9	9	11	10	11	11	11	
Nov		339	278	218	189	168	13	17	20	17	19	12	
Dec			313	239	174	150	120	14	10	8	8	7	
Jan 2011				242	197	160	127	101	5	13	12	10	
Feb					219	174	144	116	95	11	9	12	
Mar						195	151	128	104	88	8	9	
Apr							237	190	161	130	94	9	
May								281	218	161	120	102	
Jun									233	190	148	122	
Jul										209	165	124	
Aug											246	196	
Sep												232	
Total	1,005	1,114	1,175	1,141	1,051	1,014	937	983	994	979	987	989	12,369
Average monthly case	es												1,030.8

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year

1,030.8

Date of Completion: December 30, 2011

State: Kansas Fiscal Year To Which Credit Applies: 2012

1. Name of Eligibility Change: Inclusion of the Grandparents as Caregivers Program

2. Implementation Date: July 2009

3. **Description of Policy**: The separate state-funded Grandparents as Caregivers Program was included in the TANF cash assistance Program.

4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:**Grandparents as Caregivers cases present in the last month of the program's operation, June 2009, were followed to determine their participation in the TANF cash assistance program. Of the 151 Grandparents as Caregivers cases participating in June 2009, 93 participated in the TANF cash assistance program in the following month, July 2009.

The estimation of the policy's impact is difficult, for if the policy was measured by following the 93 cases over time, many would gradually leave assistance. This approach would result in an understatement of the policy's impact, because the result would not account for new cases that would have entered the Grandparents as Caregiver Program. However, it is not possible to determine which new relative cases entering the TANF cash assistance program would have preferred to apply for the Grandparents as Caregivers Program. Absent a reasonable method to measure the impact over time, the estimate is held to the 93 cases that initially transitioned to the TANF cash assistance program.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year

93.0

Date of Completion: December 30, 2011

State: Kansas Fiscal Year To Which Credit Applies: 2012

1. Name of Eligibility Change: Verification of Dependent Care Expenses

2. Implementation Date: May 2010

3. **Description of Policy:** The verification of dependent care expenses was no longer required, unless the expense was questioned.

4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:** Dependent care expenses are assigned a unique code in the Kansas eligibility system. Because the normality conditions for the parametric test were not met, the Mann Whitney U test for small samples was used to determine the significance of the change in the proportion of cases having a dependent care allowance before, and after, the policy change.

	Cases w/		
	Dependent	Total	
Month	Care Deduction	Cases	Percent
Nov 2009	25	14,531	0.172%
Dec	35	14,597	0.240%
Jan 2010	38	14,541	0.261%
Feb	37	14,377	0.257%
Mar	36	14,184	0.254%
Apr	33	14,131	0.234%
May	Policy Change		
Jun	46	14,160	0.325%
Jul	51	14,724	0.346%
Aug	57	15,285	0.373%
Sep	67	15,528	0.431%
Oct	87	15,644	0.556%
Nov	93	15,535	0.599%

 H_0 : $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ and H_1 : $\mu_1 \neq \mu_2$ Confidence Level: .95%

	Pre-Policy	Post-Policy
N	6	6
Mean Rank	3.5	9.5
z_U	2.88	
р	0.0039	

The result indicates an increase in the proportion of cases with dependent care expenses.

The difference in the pre- and post-policy percentage was applied to the total cases to obtain the caseload impact:

	Cases		Dep Care			
	w/ Dep Care	Total	Cases	Pre-Policy		Change
Month	Deduction	Cases	Percent	Percent	Change	in Cases
Oct 2010	87	15,644	0.56%	0.22%	0.34%	52.6
Nov	93	15,535	0.60%	0.22%	0.38%	58.8
Dec	105	15,644	0.67%	0.22%	0.45%	70.6
Jan 2011	106	15,507	0.68%	0.22%	0.46%	71.9
Feb	105	15,034	0.70%	0.22%	0.48%	71.9
Mar	106	14,851	0.71%	0.22%	0.49%	73.3
Apr	100	14,619	0.68%	0.22%	0.46%	67.8
May	104	14,358	0.72%	0.22%	0.50%	72.4
Jun	107	14,204	0.75%	0.22%	0.53%	75.7
Jul	109	14,207	0.77%	0.22%	0.55%	77.7
Aug	107	14,324	0.75%	0.22%	0.53%	75.5
Sep	98	14,220	0.69%	0.22%	0.47%	66.7
Average	102	14,846	0.69%	0.22%	0.47%	69.6

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year

Date of Completion: December 30, 2011

State: Kansas Fiscal Year To Which Credit Applies: 2012

1. Name of Eligibility Change: Earnings Verification (2)

2. Implementation Date: May 2011

- 3. **Description of Policy:** This marks the second earnings verification policy since FY 2005. The new policy required eligibility staff to reference an employment verification service (*The Work Number*) to substantiate income when processing applications, performing a case review, and when reviewing interim reports.
- 4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:** A small sample t-test was performed to compare the proportion of denials and closed cases with earnings before, and after, the policy change.

Denials	Excess		
	Income		Denial
Month	Denials	Applications	Rate
Nov 2010	525	3,289	16.0%
Dec	464	2,835	16.4%
Jan 2011	551	3,323	16.6%
Feb	359	2,247	16.0%
Mar	493	3,085	16.0%
Apr	489	3,172	15.4%
May	Policy Chg		
Jun	559	3,570	15.7%
Jul	576	3,568	16.1%
Aug	676	4,013	16.8%
Sep	453	3,026	15.0%

 H_0 : $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ and H_1 : $\mu_1 \neq \mu_2$ Confidence Level: .95%

	Pre-Policy	Post-Policy
N	6	4
Mean	16.05%	15.90%
SD	0.40%	0.79%
t(8)	0.383	
р	0.712	

Closures	Excess		
	Income	TAF	Denial
Month	Closures	Cases	Rate
201011	156	15,535	1.0%
201012	164	15,635	1.0%
201101	166	15,507	1.1%
201102	146	15,034	1.0%
201103	157	14,851	1.1%
201104	173	14,619	1.2%
201105	Policy Chg		
201106	158	14,204	1.1%
201107	165	14,207	1.2%
201108	147	14,324	1.0%
201109	148	14,220	1.0%

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 H_0 : $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ and H_1 : $\mu_1 \neq \mu_2$ Confidence Level: .95%

	Pre-Policy	Post-Policy
N	6	4
Mean	1.06%	1.09%
SD	0.07%	0.06%
t(8)	0.656	
р	0.530	

The results indicate no significant change in the percentage of denials or closed cases.

6. Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year

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Excess MOE Calculation

The TANF regulations allow a proportional adjustment to the caseload reduction credit when the State maintenance of effort expenditure exceeds the required level. (§261.43(2)). The calculation below computes the additional credit under this provision. (The acronym "SSP" denotes a separate state TANF program.)

Caseload Data		Expenditure Data	
FY 2005 TANF Caseload	17,621.7	Total Expenditures	
FY 2005 SSP Caseload	-	FY 2011 Total Federal Expenditures	78,252,706
Total FY 2005 Caseload	17,621.7	FY 2011 Total MOE Expenditures	118,035,628
		Total Expenditures (Federal + MOE)	196,288,334
FY 2011 TANF Caseload	14,863.6		
FY 2011 SSP Caseload	-	Assistance Expenditures	
Total FY 2011 Caseload	14,863.6	FY 2011 Federal Expenditures on Assistance	44,407,074
		FY 2011 MOE Expenditures on Assistance	40,387,255
2-Parent Caseload Data		Total Expenditures on Assistance (Federal + MOE)	84,794,329
FY 2005 2-P TANF Caseload	1,282.8	Percentage of Expenditures on Assistance	43.2%
FY 2005 2-P SSP Caseload	-		
Total FY 2005 Caseload	1,282.8	Expenditures Per Case	
		Average Expenditures per Case	13,206
FY 2011 2-P TANF Caseload	1,376.3	Average Expenditures per Case on Assistance	5,705
FY 2011 2-P SSP Caseload	-		
Total FY 2011 Caseload	1,376.3	MOE and Excess MOE	
		Required MOE (80%)	65,866,230
		Excess MOE Expenditures	52,169,398
		Excess MOE Expenditures on Assistance	22,536,587
Adjusted Caseload Data		·	
Adjusted FY 2011 Overall Caseload	10,913.2	Assistance Cases Funded by Excess MOE	3,950.4
Adjusted FY 2011 2-Parent Caseload	1,010.5	2-Parent Assistance Cases Funded by Excess MOE	365.8

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Total

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Part 2 - Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit

Impact of All Eligiblity-Related Policy Changes **Caseload Reduction Calculation** Assistance for Persons with Drug-Related Felonies 47.7 Base Year Caseload Limited English Proficiency Hardship Policy FY 2005 TANF Caseload 17,621.7 Hardship Policy for Returning Cases FY 2005 SSP Caseload Work and CSE Non-Cooperation Penalty Revision Total FY 2005 Caseload 17,621.7 Work Readiness Screening (563.5)Child Under One Work Exemption Revision (126.5)Caseload in Prior Fiscal Year Increase in Earned Income Disregard 419.0 FY 2011 TANF Caseload 14,863.6 Expansion in Earnings Verification Procedure (1) FY 2011 SSP Caseload Total FY 2011 Caseload Education Savings Plans Exempted from Resources 14.863.6 Hardship Criteria Revision (373.9)Five-Month \$50 Transitional Payment 1,030.8 Excess MOE Cases in FY 2011 3,950.4 Inclusion of Grandparents as Caretakers Program 93.0 Adjusted FY 2011 Caseload 10,913.2 Change in Treatment of Anuities Gifts Over \$50 Counted as Income Caseload Decline 6,708.5 38.1% Past-Due Child Support Counted as Income Spousal Support Counted as Income Impact of Policy Changes 596.2 Exemption of Relative Caregivers from CSE Cooperation Decline - Net Impact 7,304.7 Exempt \$25 per Week Increase in Unemploy. Comp. Exempt 2010 Census Employment Income Caseload Reduction Credit 38.1% Verification of Dependent Care Expenses 69.6 Expansion in Earnings Verification Procedure (2)

596.2